

*Detailed Agenda
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AGENDA
EIC MEETING
February 26, 1957

1. Announce that everyone is cleared for special materials and that special materials will be discussed.
2. Ask for approval of the Minutes.
3. In accordance with the procedure set down at the last meeting, will take up at this time the review of the Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications.
4. You are aware of the concern noted in the Minutes of the 11 January Subcommittee meeting and have seen additional materials distributed.
5. The officers of the Subcommittee are here, and I would like to call upon them for a report of the Subcommittee's activities during the past year ([REDACTED])
6. As has been indicated, representatives from SCIA and ACSI proposed the recommendation embodied in the request of 11 January 1957. We have with us Col. Persons who may wish to speak to the point regarding the possibilities of more work being conducted in SCIA on a cleared basis.
7. First, I would like to note again how successful we have been in obtaining close cooperation of NSA, particularly in those areas where information on telecommunications is maintained. In fact, an NSA representative participates in the Subcommittee meetings.

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8. I think it would be helpful to Col. Persons if the EIC, at least in the Minutes, indicate that it would wish to encourage and support some expansion of all-source research on telecommunications in SCIA. If the EIC so desires, I would be happy to assist informally in discussions or to present, through appropriate channels, a written communication reflecting EIC views.
9. This type of problem is not unique to the Subcommittee on Electronics and Telecommunications. It also exists in the Subcommittee on Transportation and potentially in the Subcommittee on International Trade and Finance. To a lesser extent it exists in the Subcommittees on Petroleum, Shipbuilding, and in the Working Group on Sino-Soviet Bloc Economic Activities in Underdeveloped Areas (the latter particularly in regard to the Department of State). It might well become a problem in the Subcommittee on General Economic Analysis. The benefits of special information are brought to bear in the Subcommittee on Agriculture, but such information is not openly discussed.
10. I mention this only because the majority of our review of Subcommittees will be on an open basis, and I would like the members here to recognize the problem in these specific Subcommittees.
11. I would like to distribute a memorandum received from the Chairman of the Working Group on P-6.
12. The substance of this memorandum was concurred in by the members of the Working Group yesterday (Easton, [REDACTED] 25X1A9a
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present to answer such questions -- is the Committee ready to act on the recommendations? (If static occurs, note that the JIC was the requester and does not object to cancellation. The project was experimental in nature and it has been shown clearly that the data are not available and the effort would be far beyond our capabilities. Furthermore, the assumptions are now quite out of date.)

13. Internally and to some extent externally, there has been considerable discussion regarding the future of the unilateral EIC-R1 series. I propose that we place before you at the next meeting a proposal and perhaps an alternative for solution of the problem.
14. I think we all agree that the ~~substantive~~ ^{excessive} effort expended in the past is not warranted in the future.
15. The original purpose for the initiation of the series has been fulfilled, but admittedly the series has utility as an agreed document among ourselves.
16. The problem is balancing the need for a fully agreed study against the expenditure of time required and the availability of such time. I am sure that you have all thought of this problem in ~~various~~ varying degrees of detail. Do you have comments you would like to make now?

17. Suggest we agree in general to the following:

- a. A reduction in the total effort;
- b. Consideration of whether a completely rounded report is required;
- c. Consideration of the possibility of breaking the report into its essentials to determine whether or not some phases of the work require EIC concurrence or can be issued on a unilateral or bilateral basis by those primarily responsible.